

Griffmen Now Extending Themselves to Finish Season in Third Position

THIRD POSITION IS NOW GOAL OF GRIFFS

With White Sox Weakening
Washington's Dream to Go
Ahead May Not Be Folly.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6.—The Griffmen have now come to the conclusion that they have an excellent chance of finishing in third place and hope to do so by hitting a winning streak that will carry them above the shattered White Sox. Less than a dozen games now separate the two teams, and while the White Sox are slipping, there are signs that the Griffmen will close their campaign with a burst of speed and power. Consequently, the dream of the Griffmen is not all folly. They have a chance to nose out Rowland's crew between now and October 5.

Nineteen games have been staged between the Griffmen and the White Sox this season, and twelve of them have been won by the former. Three more remain to be played, all in Washington, and every member of the Washington team will be sadly disappointed if at least two of these games don't come their way.

On this short trip the Griffmen meet only the Mackmen and the Yankees. Of twelve contests staged with the fanless Athletics, eight have been won by the Nationals. Therefore, the odds are largely that the Griffmen will continue to clean up the enemy from the Land of Nod.

Thanks to those five victories in Washington last week, the Griffmen have forged ahead of the Yankees, having now won ten games to the Yankees' nine. Judging from the improvement of Griff's boys, they should hold their vantage over the New Yorkers.

When the Griffmen open their long home stay next Saturday they will have all the Western clubs coming along fast. Washington has won 15 out of 18 from the Browns, 12 out of 19 from the White Sox, and 7 out of 17 from the Tigers. The team would seem to have an advantage over the Western clubs. Boston has won 15 out of 20 from the Griffmen, but 11 of these victories were won at Fenway Park, and 6 of them by a lone tally. Of the 8 contests in Washington, the Griffmen have defeated the Red Sox 5 times and lost only 4 times. But two more games remain to be played, and the Griffmen hope to set one of the Griff boys, they will both from the coming champions. Then come the weary Mackmen to conclude the baseball entertainment for the Capital this year. No trouble is expected from them.

Today's games here will be played as a double-header. This is unusual, but conditions here warrant the decision to make a bargain attraction of two holiday contests. Attendance at Shibe Park has fallen off so badly that hardly a corporal's guard turns out to see Connie Mack's pet team. The young men going through the motions. Therefore, a small crowd is expected today, even with two games coming. The Griffmen are expected to win today's contest. The fans may be able to watch the Phillies' games on the scoreboard.

All Philadelphia is boosting the Phillies and hooting the Mackmen, forgetful of those great triumphs of a few years ago. The Griffmen are making fun of the antics of the new players and chiding the veterans for taking no interest in the daily proceedings. All in all, Connie Mack sleeps on a bed of coals every night, with iron spikes for his pillow.

The Griffmen leave for New York immediately after tomorrow's game, remaining there three days.

GOLFERS FLOCKING FOR CLUB SPECIALS

Labor Day Card Finds Closed Competitions on Various Links.

The golfing calendar for Labor Day is well filled with club competitions. No tournaments are on the cards, but the various clubs will have competitions of all sorts for men and women. Golfers who are away on their vacations are returning to take a fling on the links, whereas another time they might not be so anxious.

Where golf clubs have not arranged for Labor Day events in their regular schedule, they have made special provision for competitions both morning and afternoon.

Chevy Chase will have an eighteen-hole medal play competition, a thirty-six-hole composite score match, and a thirty-six-hole match against par. Players may enter but one event.

At Bannockburn an eighteen-hole medal play handicap match is on all day. The Washington Country Club has staged a miniature gold tournament, a putting and approaching contest for women, and a sweepstakes event.

Columbia has an eighteen-hole handicap match against par, which will run all day, while the Kirkside Club has arranged an eighteen-hole medal handicap against par.

Empires Will Elect Officers on Wednesday

Twenty-five candidates for the football team reported at a recent meeting of the Empire Athletic Club, and officers were elected for the coming season. Frank Helise was chosen manager and Harry Russell, a former Business High School player, was appointed captain.

Fourteen players are out for the basketball team, including Wheeler, Myers, Tennyson, Russell and Hargrett from last year's outfit. Helise was re-elected manager of basketball, and E. Wheeler re-elected captain.

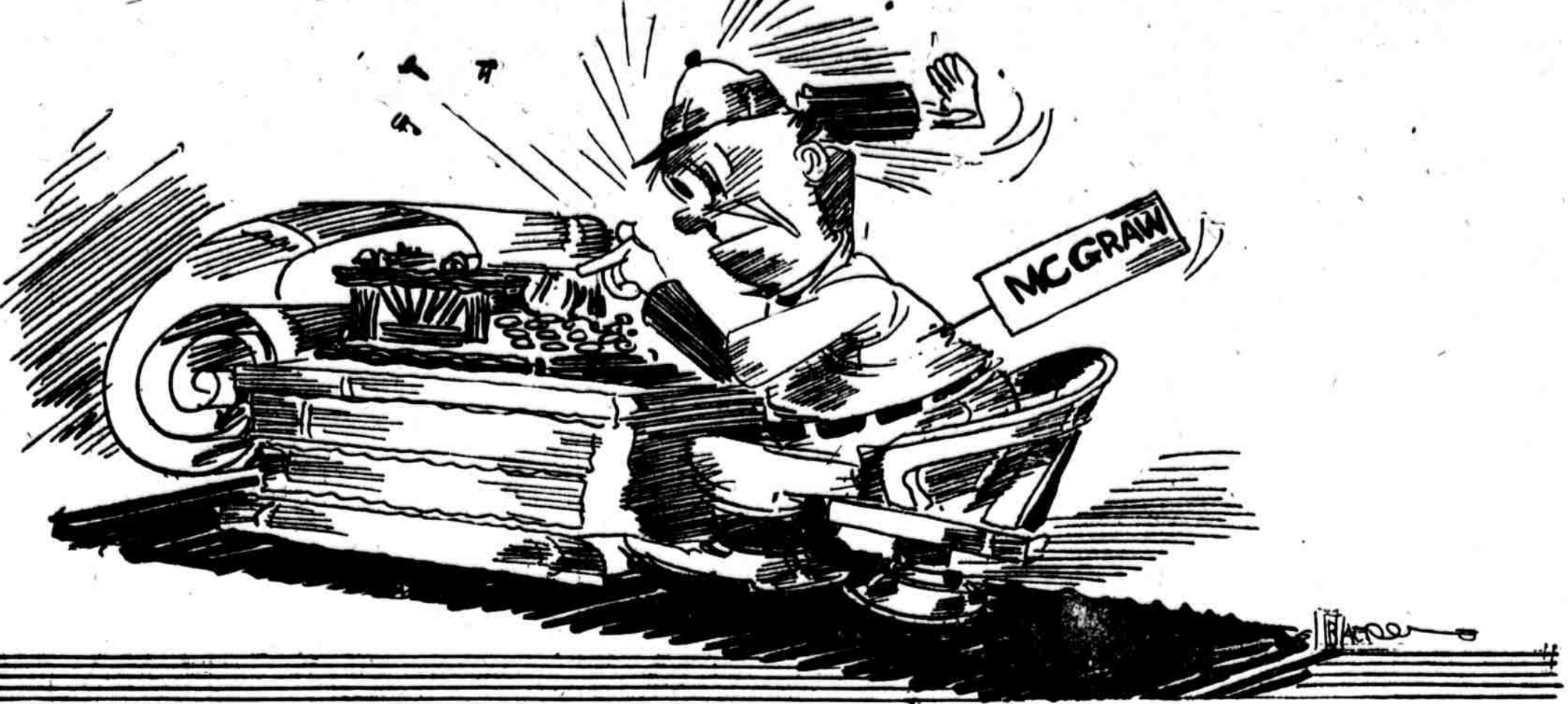
Another meeting will be held September 8, at which officers for the club for the coming year will be elected.

Those holding office at present are: Frank H. Helise, president; Chester Lyons, vice president; Harry Russell, secretary, and Ray Beard, treasurer.

Enter to Shoot.

Five Annapolis Gun Club men have been entered in the annual State championship at Richmond, Va., September 7 and 8. They are: R. D. Morgan, C. S. Wilson, F. H. Huseman, and W. D. Delaney.

McGRAW TYPES SOME PERTINENT BASEBALL COMMENT



BISCHOFF STARS IN BOX AND WITH BAT

Holy Name Team Defeats St. Andrew's Nine by 3 to 0 in Morning Baseball Game.

The Holy Name team of the Catholic Church League, today defeated the St. Andrew's nine, champions of Baltimore, at American League Park, 3 to 0. Ray Bischoff succeeded in striking out eight Orioles and contributed two hits which scored runs for the Washington champion.

The Holy Name team will play the Baltimore nine in a double header in Baltimore on Saturday. Although out of the locals put up a fine fielding game. The throwing of Fitzgerald was especially effective in cutting down St. Andrew's men on bases. Score by innings:

R. H. E.
St. Andrews..... 000 000 000—0 3 3
Holy Name..... 011 000 011—3 0 0
Batteries: Holy Name, Bischoff and Fitzgerald; St. Andrews, Baker and Hohman. Umpires, Carr and Handboe.

COLUMBIA TOURNEY OPENS UP TODAY

Three Classes Get Plenty of Action on Tennis Courts in Invitation Event.

Play in the men's singles, second round, women's singles and men's doubles, started this morning at Columbia Country Club before a large gallery. The courts were in fine shape, and the day is expected to be productive of some fine tennis.

Drawings have been made for the men's doubles and women's singles. Today's matches in these classes follow:

First round—Bingham and Morrow vs. A. Y. Leach and partner, McNulty and Simon vs. Hixson and Crampton, Slater and partner vs. Lyons and Lyons, L. I. Doyle and Barber vs. Kellerman and partner, Robinson and Ballinger vs. Williams and Holmead, Paxton and Brown vs. Kraft and Sinclair, Moorhead and Lincoln vs. Heston and Gilbert, Mayfield and Richard vs. Lewis and Dorst. Bye—Garrison and Beadle vs. Cash and Howard, Gore and Treanor vs. Sheppard and Skinner, C. B. Doyle and Selden vs. Morgan and Moore, Armstrong and partner vs. Gardner and Myers.

First round—Miss E. Smith vs. Miss K. Du Bose, Mrs. L. Stambaugh vs. Miss E. Hixson, Mrs. J. Bell vs. Miss A. Du Four, Mrs. E. W. Healy vs. Miss E. Coran, Miss F. Smith vs. Miss A. E. Doyle, Miss J. Payne vs. Miss H. Priest, Miss E. Baker vs. Mrs. Charles Halbert, Miss E. Lansburgh vs. Mrs. Elvenger.

Play in the men's singles will start at 10 o'clock in the second and third rounds. The courts will be occupied until it is too dark to play.

MARKS EXPECTED TO FALL IN RACES TODAY

Track records are expected to fall today when the automobiles get fairly turned up in the races at the old Benning track today. Preliminary trials by several of the cars entered in the various events have shown record-smashing time.

The rain of last night has laid the track perfectly, and will make the going all that could be desired. All that was necessary to make the course fast was a wetting down.

Yesterday found the candidates out in full force trying the turns and speeding up in the stretches. All day long the cars went through their best paces, and it would not be at all surprising to see Oldie's make for the mile and five eighths mark in seven minutes and five seconds, shattered by many records.

The best time made so far has been the figure of a minute and five seconds, made by Irving Barber, who worked out yesterday.

McGRAW SAYS---

The Giants will do to the Phillies in 1915 what the Quakers did to the New Yorkers seven years ago

Little Napoleon Recalls Famous Drive to Finish When Coveleskie Figured So Prominently Against His Weakened Team.

By JOHN J. McGRAW,
Manager of the Giants.

When my ball club was trying to stagger to a pennant at the end of the season of 1908, with the pitching staff blown to pieces and with Mathewson, tired and worn, trying to work almost every other day, with Donlin limping on one leg, and with Bresnahan, badly injured, gamely attempting to stick in the line-up, the Phillies beat us out of the championship.

The Quakers had no chance to win the pennant, themselves, that year, but the feeling against me and my club was very strong in Philadelphia. They caught a crippled team at the end of the season, for Doyle was out of the game and had been so for some time with a bad leg. He was hitting like a fender that season, too, until he got hurt. His loss was sorely felt.

Now, I am not complaining because the Phillies played their heads off against us. That was their privilege, and they should have. But a big Pole thought he was going to accumulate a little reputation by beating the Giants out of their turn. He went to "Billy" Murray, then manager of the Phillies, following his first victory of the series. "Let me work against the Giants again tomorrow," he asked.

"All right," replied Murray. "Let's see you get them."

He didn't have much that big Pole, but he had the edge on us. He won one game, and he caught a team under a tremendous strain. He took us again, and that second time was the margin by which we were beaten to the flag. They had been playing their heads off to get us. The next year we drove Coveleskie to the "bushes." He didn't finish a game against my club. He is back with Detroit now. I doubt if he could stick a game out against us. We have it on him.

But the tables are turned this time. The Phillies are fighting for the old flag, and they have a hard road ahead to travel. I admit my club's pennant chances are gone, but we just were in a position to throw a monkey wrench into the Philadelphia championship machinery, and we did what we could, remembering 1908.

There is not as much feeling between the Giants and the Phillies now as there was three or four years ago, and personally, I like "Pat" Moran and the fight he has made with a ball club that looked hopeless to open the season, but we can't forget what the Philadelphia team and Coveleskie did to us in 1908. In those days, there was almost always a riot after the game when the Giants were in Philadelphia, and it was seldom the police were not busy. This was especially true if we won. Before we began to dress at the park and when we went to the game from our hotel in "buses," they always saved up all the old vegetables and sticks to shy at us. The Athletics dressed in their hotel during the two recent world's series between Mack's team and the Giants and went to the Polo Grounds in taxicabs. They complained of some rough handling along Seventh avenue, but it was no more than what we used to receive in Philly.

A guy shied a rock through the window of our taxicab in Seventh avenue on the way back ago, and following one of the contests of the 1911 series, "Wee" took the rest of the way lying on the bottom of the cab. After this we are going up Riverside drive to the Polo Grounds and approach by way of Yonkers if necessary.

These are examples of the feeling which used to exist between the two towns. A strange thing about the ball "bug" is that he will throw anything at you while you are still in uniform, but that once you get in your street clothes, he forgets his grudge. In Philadelphia, I have had a mob surround me as I left the field after the game with a bunch of cops for a fringe around me to protect me. "We'll get you when you come out," they have threatened as I ducked into the club house to dress.

But after taking off the "spangles," I have walked through this same gang which was snarling around me on the field, and have heard them yell: "How do you do, John!" "Hello, Mac!" "Mack" very seldom hear of managers who do not put on uniforms, such as "Connie" Mack and George Stallings, being surrounded by a threatening crowd after a game on hostile territory.

"Now is our chance to go after the Phillies," said the boys before the series last week. "Let's make up for what they did to us in 1908."

BOXERS START LAST ROUND OF TRAINING

McFarland and Gibbons Both Said to Be Within Reach of Weight.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Pacquey McFarland and Mike Gibbons, who are to battle next Saturday night for a \$32,000 purse, today started the last lap of their respective training periods. Reports from both camps today said the gladiators were within easy reach of the weight—147 pounds.

Over 400 men and women watched Mike go through his paces yesterday afternoon. At the end of the workout, Mike announced he was within three pounds of the weight.

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EX-CHAMPION FINDS CHAMPION'S FAULT

Miss Bjurstedt Defeated in Two Straight Sets in Final at Rockaway.

CEDARHURST, Long Island, Sept. 6.—Another upheaval in the lawn tennis world was caused here when Miss Molla Bjurstedt, holder of three national championships, the turf court, clay court, and indoor, was defeated in the final round of the Rockaway Hunting Club invitation tournament by Mrs. George Wightman, of Boston, at 6-1, 6-4. Mrs. Wightman in disposing of Miss Bjurstedt, played the same brand of fast, brilliant tennis which won her the national title in 1909, 1910, and 1911, when she was Miss Hazel Hotchkiss.

This is the second straight set defeat that the Norwegian girl has suffered since she won the national championship on turf at Philadelphia, where she defeated Mrs. Wightman in the final round, two sets to one. Mrs. Marshall McLean, who, as Miss Helen Homans, was a national champion, won the other victory from Miss Bjurstedt in the final round at Alexandria Bay.

At the time Mrs. McLean defeated the champion it was thought that Miss Bjurstedt could blame her defeat partly on too much tennis, for she had been playing with a let-up. Even then, however, it was quite evident that some of the players were commencing to find Miss Bjurstedt's weak point, that for a non-swallower's consolation prize tomorrow.

The first round of match play starts at 1:30 tomorrow. Much interest is taken in the play of Miss Vera Ramsey, the English golfer who recently won the Massachusetts title. Comparatively few Eastern women are entered.

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